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FROM PERSPECTIVE OF BRAZIL, FOLLOWING COMMENTS MAY BE MADE
ON SOLAR REVIEW:

A. MARKET POTENTIAL FOR US MANUFACTURER WILL PROBABLY
EXIST ONLY IN HIGH-TECHNOLOGY AREAS (EG, PHOTOVOLTAIC,
ELECTRIC ENERGY STORAGE, POSSIBLY OTEC) AS LOWER-TECHNOLOGY
APPLICATIONS WILL USE NATIONAL EQUIPMENT.

B. LITTLE POTENTIAL BENEFIT APPEARS TO BE ASSOCIATED
WITH PUSHING BILATERAL SOLAR R, D, AND E PROJECT WITH BRAZIL
AT THIS TIME.

C. BRAZILIANS SEE SOME DISCREPANCY BETWEEN USG PROMOTION
OF SOLAR ENERGY ALTERNATIVE ABROAD AND US UNWILLINGNESS TO
DEVELOP FULLY MOST ECONOMICALLY COMPETITIVE, INDIRECT SOLAR
APPLICATION-DOMESTIC HYDROPOWER RESOURCE-FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSIDERATIONS. US SPOKESMEN ARGUMENTS FOR BRAZIL TO
PURSUE HYDROPOWER AS ALTERNATIVE TO NUCLEAR DO NOT
TREAT THESE CONSIDERATIONS. SINCE BRAZIL ALREADY DERIVES
MORE THAN ONE-HALF OF ITS PRIMARY ENERGY FROM INDIRECT
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SOLAR SOURCES, EXPECTS TO CONTINUE THIS PATTERN, AND HAS
WORLD'S LARGEST IMPLEMENTED FUELS-FROM-BIOMASS PROGRAM,
IN RELATIVE TERMS, IT IS NOT VIRGIN TARGET FOR OUR
SOLAR POLICY APPROACHES.
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